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SUBJ: PURCHASE OF TUGBOAT BY MANTA PORT AUTHORITY

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1. DURING VISIT TO MANTA OCTOBER 20-22, GENERAL MANAGER OF MANTA PORT AUTHORITY, ENGINEER ANTONIO LARGACHA, INFORMED COMMERCIAL OFFICER THAT PORT AUTHORITY HAS STILL NOT RESOLVED PURCHASE OF TUGBOAT DESPITE VIGOROUS EFFORTS OF EMBASSY QUITO IN PAST FEW MONTHS TO ASSIST IN CONTACTS WITH PRIVATE SUPPLIERS OF TUGS IN THE U.S. LARGACHA SAID THAT BOATS AVAILABLE THROUGH THESE SOURCES HAD PROVEN TOO COSTLY AND/OR OLD TO SUIT PORT AUTHORITY. SITUATION BECOMING INCREASINGLY SERIOUS AS PORT WITHOUT TUG AT THIS POINT.

2. FOLLOWING RECENT TRIP TO MONTREAL TO ATTEND AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PORT AUTHORITIES CONVENTION, LARGACHA STOPPED IN WASHINGTON TO VISIT MARITIME ADMINISTRATION. DURING THESE CONVERSATIONS LARGACHA SAYS HE WAS INFORMED THAT USG MIGHT HAVE AVAILABLE SURPLUS TUGS IN GOOD CONDITION AT REASONABLE PRICES AND THAT AN APPROPRIATE CONTACT WOULD

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BE MR. JOE SULLIVAN, DEFENSE PROPERTY DISPOSAL SERVICE,

PORTSMOUTH, RHODE ISLAND (TEL. 401-841-3828). IT WAS SUGGESTED TO LARGACHA, APPARENTLY, THAT HE REQUEST A CATALOG FROM THIS SOURCE AND HE HAS NOW, IN TURN, ASKED US TO HELP OBTAIN IT FOR HIM SINCE HIS REQUEST HAS GONE UNANSWERED.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE IF DEPARTMENT COULD DETERMINE FROM DEFENSE PROPERTY DISPOSAL SERVICE IF ANY TUGS AVAILABLE AND, IF SO, OBTAIN CATALOG OR APPROPRIATE DESCRIPTIVE MATERIAL WHICH CAN BE POUCHED TO US FOR TRANSMITTAL TO LARGACHA.

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ALSO, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DEPARTMENT'S VIEW IF SUCH SALE CONTRADICTORY TO PRESENT FMS VIS-A-VIS ECUADOR IN VIEW OF FACT THAT LARGACHA HAS PROPOSED THIS BE A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT SALE. (FYI: MANTA PORT AUTHORITY, LIKE OTHER PORT AUTHORITIES IN ECUADOR, COMES UNDER JURISDICTION OF DIRECTOR OF MARITIME DEVELOPMENT WHO REPORTS TO MINISTER OF DEFENSE. END FYI).  
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